Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The simple question was whether the Government had entered into any contract and the answer was "no". I may assure you that vigorous action is being taken by the Government to get orders for the supply of goods.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Does it mean that the Government directly will not enter into a contract but will allow people in the State to execute them ?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I am stating the Government position in the matter. All steps are being taken to see that the State gets orders for the supply of articles.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does it mean that the Government will have to enter into a contract or the Government will get orders for the people to supply?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Possible line of future action I cannot state.

OFFICERS RECRUITED TO THE A. R. P.—PARTICULARS OF

219. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state the number of officers recruited in the A. R. P. and the different ranks in which they are recruited and the pay each class of employees draw?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* A statement is appended. *(Appendix III).*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether all the A.R.P. expenses will be refunded by the Government of India to our Government?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I do not think the question arises at present. Nothing can be said now.

RULES UNDER THE PAYMENT OF WAGES ACT— INTERPRETATION OF A CERTAIN WORD

220. Mr. H. J. Walmesley *(Planters):* (*a*) Are Government aware that the Department of Industries and Commerce have declared that under the heading of "(2) Total number of persons employed" in Form IV under Rule 18 of the Payment of Wages Act, IV of 1113, the correct interpretation of the word "*Total*" is "Daily average";

(*b*) if answered in the affirmative, will Government pass orders necessary to correct this mistake in the drafting of Form IV?

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APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to question No. 219)

Statement showing the number of those employed in connection with A. R. P. showing their rank and pay

Serial No.	Rank	Number	Pay
1	Special A. R. P. Officer ..	1	Rs. 400
	Office Staff		
2	Head clerk ..	1	Rs. 40
3	Typist clerk ..	1	Rs. 25
4	Clerk ..	1	Rs. 20
5	H. C. ..	1	Rs. 18 Plus Rs. 3 Cycle allowance
6	P. C. ..	2	Rs. 12 Plus Re. 1 Town allowance each
	A. R. P. Instructors		
7	A. R. P. Instructor ..	1	Rs. 80
8	Do. ..	6	Rs. 40—50 each
9	Medical Officer for A. R. P. in Ernakulam and Mattancheri ..	1	Rs. 75 Plus Rs. 25 extra honorarium for work in Mattancheri
	Fire Brigade		
10	Assistant Fire Master ..	1	Rs. 40—60
11	Driver ..	1	Rs. 30
12	Foreman ..	1	Rs. 20
13	Firemen ..	6	Rs. 15 each
14	Special appointment ..	1	Rs. 30

APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to question No. 226)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COCHIN

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

M. G. S., Ollur—Transfer of Management

Read again G. P. R. Dis. 26505/16 dated 11th November 1941.

2. Petition, dated 3rd December 1941, from the Chaplain, St. Mary's Convent, Ollur.

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